

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: : 10/755,835 Confirmation No. 9841  
Applicant: : Birk, et. al.  
Filed: : January 12, 2004  
Group Art Unit: : 2132  
Examiner: : Almeida, Devin E.  
Docket No. : AUS920030095US1  
Customer No. : 40412

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Certificate of Mailing or Transmission**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 or electronically transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

/Leslie A. Van Leeuwen, Reg No. 42,196/  
Leslie A. Van Leeuwen, Reg No. 42,196

May 23, 2007  
Date

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 7, 2007, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 7, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Van Leeuwen & Van Leeuwen, Deposit Account No. 50-3754.